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EMPLOYMENT AND UNEMPLOYMENT : SEPTEMBER QUARTER, 1940.

The latest available statistics, from various sources, which offer some indication of the movement of Employment and Unemployment throughout Australia have been issued by the Commonwealth Statistician (Dr. Roland Wilson).

Employment in Factories: The number of persons employed in Australian factories in 1939-40 was 27.9% greater than in the pre-depression year of 1928-29, and 1.6% greater than in the year 1938-39. When the growth in employee population is taken into account, the 1939-40 index number was 12.1% greater than the 1928-29 index and 0.4% greater than the index for 1938-39.

A comparison of factory employment in August, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with July, 1940, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +1.5; Victoria, -0.7; Queensland, +1.6; South Australia, +2.4; Western Australia, -0.9; Tasmania, nil; Australia, +0.8 (or taking account of the growth of employee population, +0.7).

Employment in Retail Stores: The index number for Australia for the year 1939-40 indicates a 30.9% increase in employment since July, 1933 (the first date for which figures are available), and an 0.7% increase since 1938-39. When the growth of employee population is taken into account an increase is shown of 22.0% since July, 1933 and a decrease of 0.4% since 1938-39.

A comparison of employment in retail stores in August, 1940 (the latest month for which figures are available for all States) with August, 1939, shows the following estimated percentage changes:- New South Wales, +0.8; Victoria, +2.2; Queensland, nil; South Australia, +1.8; Western Australia, -1.8; Tasmania, +2.2; Australia, +1.2 (or taking account of the growth of employee population, +0.1).

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MONTHLY INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT EXCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS (a)

(Base: Average for year 1928-29 = 100)

Period	New South Wales			Victoria			Queensland			South Australia			Western Australia			Tasmania			Australia					
																			Unadjusted Index			Index divided by Index of Employee Population		
Number of Employees, 1928-29	M. 129,539 F. 44,581 T. 174,120			M. 98,068 F. 51,198 T. 149,266			M. 35,581 F. 7,855 T. 43,436			M. 29,014 F. 6,362 T. 35,376			M. 16,039 F. 3,760 T. 19,799			M. 7,703 F. 2,281 T. 9,984			M. 315,944 F. 116,037 T. 431,981			..		
Index for -	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
1926-27	100	98	99	102	99	101	101	89	99	113	109	112	95	91	94	105	88	101	101.5	97.8	100.5	105.9	102.0	104.9
1927-28	99	97	98	100	98	100	101	92	99	106	106	106	98	97	98	107	104	106	100.4	97.8	99.7	102.5	99.8	101.7
1928-29	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1929-30	90	91	90	96	98	97	95	94	94	87	89	87	94	98	94	105	99	104	92.4	94.6	93.0	91.0	92.9	91.5
1930-31	68	75	70	78	83	80	83	85	84	63	71	64	68	76	69	85	83	84	72.9	79.1	74.6	71.0	76.4	72.4
1931-32	66	79	69	77	90	81	78	84	79	61	76	64	61	75	63	84	87	85	70.4	84.1	74.1	67.7	80.0	71.0
1932-33	73	86	76	87	101	92	80	92	82	68	84	71	68	81	70	86	90	87	77.6	93.1	81.8	73.7	87.3	77.4
1933-34	82	94	85	96	107	100	86	99	88	77	89	80	75	85	77	93	89	92	86.1	99.4	89.7	80.8	92.0	84.0
1934-35	93	107	97	106	113	108	92	105	94	89	97	91	83	92	85	101	97	100	96.3	108.4	99.6	89.4	98.9	92.2
1935-36	104	116	107	117	119	117	97	110	99	104	110	105	99	106	100	112	103	110	107.0	116.2	109.4	98.4	105.0	100.2
1936-37	112	125	115	123	121	123	103	116	106	110	113	111	107	113	108	122	103	118	114.4	121.2	116.3	104.1	108.3	105.3
1937-38	121	134	124	131	126	130	112	123	114	120	121	121	110	116	111	130	108	125	122.9	128.0	124.3	110.7	113.0	111.3
1938-39	124	137	127	132	127	130	117	127	119	118	124	119	110	119	112	137	115	132	124.4	130.0	125.9	110.9	113.4	111.6
1939-40	n.a.	n.a.	129	130	136	132	119	131	121	118	136	121	105	123	108	143	121	138	123.9	138.5	127.9	109.5	119.5	112.1
1938- August..	124	137	127	129	125	128	123	126	123	115	121	116	109	117	111	127	108	122	123.8	129.1	125.2	110.8	113.2	111.4
September	124	138	127	130	127	129	123	127	124	115	122	116	109	119	111	131	105	125	124.3	130.5	126.0	111.2	114.3	112.0
October	124	140	128	132	128	131	121	130	122	117	123	118	110	120	112	135	107	129	125.2	131.9	127.0	111.9	115.4	112.8
November	124	140	128	133	129	132	120	131	122	117	124	118	111	120	113	136	106	129	125.5	132.1	127.3	112.1	115.5	113.0
December	123	139	127	133	126	131	118	129	120	118	123	119	112	121	114	139	108	132	125.1	130.6	126.6	111.6	114.0	112.2

n.a. not available

MONTHLY INDEX OF FACTORY EMPLOYMENT EXCLUDING WORKING PROPRIETORS (a)

(Continued)

Period	New South Wales			Victoria			Queensland			South Australia			Western Australia			Tasmania			Australia					
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.	Unadjusted Index			Index divided by Index of Employee Population		
1939- January	122	129	123	130	118	126	107	121	110	120	123	120	109	118	111	143	121	138	122.3	122.5	122.4	109.0	106.9	108.4
February	123	136	126	132	129	131	112	129	115	123	126	123	110	120	112	146	126	141	124.4	131.2	126.2	110.8	114.3	111.7
March ..	125	139	128	133	132	133	113	133	117	123	130	125	110	119	112	145	124	140	125.6	134.0	127.9	111.8	116.7	113.1
April ..	124	138	127	132	130	131	111	125	113	120	127	121	110	118	111	141	125	137	124.3	132.0	126.4	110.5	114.8	111.7
May ..	124	137	127	133	127	131	117	128	119	117	126	118	110	121	112	139	117	134	125.0	130.3	126.5	111.1	113.2	111.7
June ..	124	136	127	131	125	129	118	126	120	113	123	115	108	120	110	135	120	132	124.2	128.5	125.3	110.3	111.6	110.5
July (a)	Not Avail- able		124	123	121	122	121	123	121	113	130	116	104	119	107	124	104	120	119.8	126.8	121.6	106.2	110.0	107.1
August..			124	123	122	123	121	127	122	117	124	119	105	120	107	124	103	119	120.4	127.3	122.3	106.7	110.3	107.7
September			126	124	125	125	123	129	124	112	126	115	101	122	105	132	103	125	120.6	130.6	123.3	106.8	113.1	108.5
October			129	130	130	130	127	129	127	114	129	117	104	126	108	139	109	133	124.4	134.5	127.1	110.1	116.3	111.7
November			131	131	136	133	125	136	127	113	133	117	107	126	110	145	117	139	125.1	140.1	129.2	110.6	121.1	113.4
December			133	131	133	132	118	134	121	119	132	122	107	127	111	149	118	142	125.9	139.6	129.6	111.3	120.5	113.7
1940- January			131	131	145	136	108	122	111	119	135	122	107	123	110	146	111	138	123.0	144.3	128.8	108.6	124.5	112.9
February			131	134	142	137	112	132	116	119	143	123	107	120	109	153	120	145	125.6	143.2	130.4	110.8	123.4	114.2
March ..			133	135	143	138	115	148	121	122	144	126	105	121	108	155	135	151	127.2	146.4	132.3	112.1	126.0	115.7
April ..			130	135	146	139	115	131	118	123	149	127	105	122	108	152	134	148	125.8	146.0	131.2	110.8	125.6	114.7
May ..			125	133	141	136	122	133	124	123	142	126	104	126	108	152	145	151	124.0	140.7	128.6	109.2	120.9	112.3
June ..			130	132	141	135	125	129	125	121	140	125	102	122	106	148	157	150	125.6	142.6	130.2	110.6	122.4	113.6
July ..			133	131	140	135	129	128	129	120	140	123	101	124	106	142	160	146	126.6	144.1	131.3	111.4	123.6	114.5
August..			135	131	140	134	132	131	131	122	142	126	101	123	105	141	159	146	128.0	144.8	132.4	112.5	124.1	115.3
Number of Fac- tories in Sample	1901			100			150			147			92			49			2439					
Percentage of employees in sample in 1938-39	86			21			45			60			32			55			54					

(a) After June, 1939, indexes are based on sample returns, and male and female indexes for Australia are calculated on the assumption that the change in masculinity in the six States is equal to the change in the five States other than New South Wales, for which State sample masculinity figures are not available.

MALES EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES AS PERCENTAGE OF ALL PERSONS

EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.

Year	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens- land	South Australia	Western Australia	Tasmania	AUSTRALIA
1926-27	74.8	66.3	83.8	82.4	81.7	80.2	73.8
1927-28	74.8	66.2	83.2	82.0	81.2	77.6	73.6
1928-29	74.4	65.7	81.9	82.0	81.0	77.2	73.1
1929-30	74.1	65.1	81.9	81.7	80.3	78.2	72.7
1930-31	72.6	64.4	81.6	80.2	79.3	77.5	71.5
1931-32	70.7	62.1	80.8	78.6	77.6	76.6	69.5
1932-33	71.0	62.2	79.8	78.5	78.2	76.4	69.4
1933-34	71.5	63.2	79.7	79.8	78.9	77.9	70.2
1934-35	71.8	64.1	79.7	80.8	79.4	78.0	70.8
1935-36	72.2	65.3	80.0	81.2	80.1	78.6	71.5
1936-37	72.2	66.1	80.1	81.6	80.3	80.0	72.0
1937-38	72.4	66.6	80.6	81.9	80.2	80.3	72.3
1938-39	72.4	66.6	80.6	81.2	79.7	80.1	72.3
1939-40	n.a.	64.8	80.5	80.0	78.4	80.0	70.8
<u>1938 -</u>							
August ..	72.4	66.4	81.5	81.2	79.9	79.9	72.3
September	72.2	66.2	81.5	81.2	79.5	80.7	72.2
October..	72.1	66.4	80.8	81.2	79.6	81.0	72.1
November	72.0	66.5	80.6	81.1	79.8	81.3	72.1
December	72.0	67.0	80.5	81.5	79.7	81.3	72.3
<u>1939 -</u>							
January..	73.3	67.9	80.1	81.7	79.8	80.0	73.1
February	72.4	66.2	79.7	81.6	79.7	79.6	72.1
March ..	72.2	65.9	79.4	81.3	79.8	79.8	71.8
April ..	72.2	66.2	80.0	81.1	80.0	79.2	71.9
May ..	72.5	66.8	80.6	80.8	79.5	80.0	72.3
June ..	72.7	66.8	81.0	80.8	79.4	79.2	72.5
July (a)	n.a.	66.2	81.7	79.8	78.9	80.1	72.0
August ..	n.a.	65.9	81.2	81.2	78.9	80.2	72.0
September	n.a.	65.5	81.2	80.3	77.9	81.1	71.5
October..	n.a.	65.6	81.7	80.2	77.8	81.2	71.6
November	n.a.	64.9	80.6	79.6	78.3	80.8	70.9
December	n.a.	65.4	79.9	80.4	78.2	81.0	71.2
<u>1940 -</u>							
January..	n.a.	63.3	80.1	80.0	78.8	81.7	69.7
February	n.a.	64.3	79.3	79.2	79.1	81.1	70.2
March ..	n.a.	64.3	77.9	79.4	78.8	79.5	70.0
April ..	n.a.	63.9	79.9	79.0	78.6	79.3	69.9
May ..	n.a.	64.4	80.6	79.8	77.9	78.1	70.4
June ..	n.a.	64.1	81.4	79.8	78.2	76.1	70.4
July ..	n.a.	64.2	82.0	78.9	77.7	75.0	70.4
August ..	n.a.	64.2	82.0	80.0	77.9	75.0	70.6

n.a. not available.

(a) From July, 1939 the State percentages are based on estimates computed from returns from "sample" factories, while the percentage for Australia is calculated on the assumption that the change in masculinity in the six States is equal to the change in the five States, other than New South Wales, for which sample masculinity figures are not available.

MONTHLY INDEX OF EMPLOYMENT IN RETAIL STORES.

(Base: July, 1933 = 100)

Month	New South Wales	Victoria	Queens- land	South Aus- tralia	Western Aus- tralia	Tasmania	Australia	
							Unad- justed Index	Index di- vided by Index of Employee Population
Index for -								
1935-36	118	130	109	114	110	112	119.4	116.2
1936-37	124	137	111	115	115	119	124.7	120.1
1937-38	130	141	112	115	116	118	128.3	122.2
1938-39	132	142	114	114	116	133	130.0	122.5
1939-40	132	144	117	112	115	139	130.9	122.0
1938 -								
August ..	129	135	111	112	113	127	126.0	119.2
September	128	137	111	118	114	127	126.7	119.8
October..	129	142	110	113	115	128	128.0	120.9
November	132	146	115	116	116	130	131.3	123.9
December	148	165	127	124	131	146	146.9	138.5
1939 -								
January..	129	142	113	111	120	137	128.8	121.3
February	134	141	113	112	113	131	129.8	122.2
March ..	129	139	113	111	113	132	127.2	119.6
April ..	129	139	112	111	113	133	127.4	119.7
May ..	131	141	114	111	113	134	128.7	120.8
June ..	130	142	118	113	113	138	129.5	121.4
July ..	133	133	116	110	119	138	129.4	121.2
August ..	129	137	114	109	114	134	126.8	118.7
September	129	137	114	112	111	133	126.6	118.4
October..	130	141	114	109	111	135	128.1	119.7
November	133	147	117	111	113	139	131.6	122.9
December	148	165	131	127	125	154	147.8	137.9
1940 -								
January..	132	144	117	111	118	144	130.9	122.0
February	135	139	114	110	115	138	130.0	121.0
March ..	131	140	114	110	116	137	128.6	119.6
April ..	129	144	116	111	115	137	129.5	120.4
May ..	130	145	116	111	114	139	130.4	121.1
June ..	130	149	116	111	114	138	131.1	121.6
July ..	131	142	116	110	116	138	129.6	120.1
August ..	130	140	114	111	112	137	128.3	118.8
Number of establishments now furnishing returns	599	102	120	35	69	14	939	939

INDEXES OF EMPLOYMENT IN NEW SOUTH WALES AND QUEENSLAND.

Working from the basis of the results of the Census of 30th June, 1933, and from compilations made from returns of employers in remitting wages tax and returns collected from Government Departments, the Government Statistician of New South Wales has prepared an index of employment and unemployment covering all persons dependent on employment in New South Wales. The Director of the Bureau of Industry of Queensland publishes a table compiled from census results, unemployed insurance contributions, workers' compensation records, and shop and factory returns. The table gives a comprehensive statement of all persons in work (other than relief work) in Queensland, whether as employees, employers, or independent workers. A full percentage of unemployment, covering the whole working population, is also shown; this percentage can be defined as the ratio of the number of persons seeking and capable of work and not in work, to the total of the working population.

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NEW SOUTH WALES.

Percentages of Employment and Unemployment - All
available wage-earners.

Owing to the incidence of enlistments and the repercussions of the industrial dispute in coal mines it is not possible to compile an index of employment and unemployment for May, 1940, and later months until further data are obtained.

Period	Percentage of all who are dependent on and available for employment			
	(a) Including as employed the full-time equivalent of all part-time relief workers		(b) Including all part- time relief workers as unemployed	
	Employed	Unemployed	Employed	Unemployed
Census of 30th June, 1933	74.4	25.6	73.5	26.5
1936 - June ..	89.3	10.7	87.1	12.9
1937 - June ..	93.5	6.5	92.3	7.7
1938 - June ..	96.1	3.9	95.1	4.9
1939 - May ..	94.3	5.7	93.3	6.7
June ..	93.7	6.3	92.6	7.4
July ..	93.8	6.2	92.7	7.3
August ..	93.5	6.5	92.4	7.6
September	94.0	6.0	93.0	7.0
October..	95.0	5.0	94.1	5.9
November	95.4	4.6	94.6	5.4
December	96.1	3.9	95.4	4.6
1940 - January..	94.4	5.6	93.6	6.4
February	95.1	4.9	94.4	5.6
March ..	95.6	4.4	94.9	5.1
April ..	94.0	6.0	93.3	6.7

The indexes were revised in November, 1937. In estimating the increase in the number of persons dependent on employment allowance is now made for (a) increase in the proportion of females who are wage-earners, and (b) youths who were without occupation but were not recorded in the wage-earning group at the Census of 1933. Adjustment for seasonal variations in employment is not made except in respect of casual retail employees in December. Since the outbreak of war, adjustment is due on account of enlistments in naval, military and air forces, and on account of women and adolescents (not formerly of the wage-earning group), who have entered employment. Data for such adjustments are being sought. At the Census of 30th June, 1933, 15,142 persons dependent on employment returned themselves as unemployed by reason of illness, accident, etc. or "voluntarily". This number, representing 1.8 per cent. of all persons dependent on employment is excluded from the indexes above, which relate to percentages of available wage-earners, employed and unemployed. The approximate number of persons in private employment was 478,000 in June, 1933; 679,000 in June, 1939; 700,000 in June, 1940 and 715,000 in August, 1940.

QUEENSLAND

Numbers in Work and Percentages of Unemployment.

Period	Numbers in Work				Percentage of Unem- ployment
	Employers and Workers on Own Account	Employees	Working for no Wages	Total	
Average-					
1927-28	84,600	212,400	9,000	306,000	10.1
1928-29	86,300	204,400	9,100	299,800	13.0
1929-30	88,000	202,800	9,200	300,000	13.6
1930-31	89,700	190,000	9,300	289,000	17.7
1931-32	91,400	181,300	9,400	282,100	20.3
1932-33	93,100	184,600	9,400	287,100	19.4
1933-34	94,700	194,700	9,600	299,000	17.3
1934-35	96,800	214,500	9,700	321,000	13.0
1935-36	98,900	223,500	9,900	332,300	11.7
1936-37	100,900	234,500	10,100	345,500	10.0
1937-38	103,000	245,800	10,300	359,100	8.3
1938-39	105,100	257,700	10,500	373,300	6.3
1939-40	107,200	263,400	10,600	381,200	5.8
Three months ended-					
January, 1940	107,100	263,300	10,600	381,000	5.8
February, "	107,300	266,900	10,600	384,800	5.0
March, "	107,500	266,500	10,600	384,600	5.1
April, "	107,600	265,400	10,600	383,600	5.5
May, "	107,800	263,700	10,600	382,100	5.9
June, "	108,000	267,400	10,700	386,100	5.1
July, "	108,200	265,600	10,700	384,500	5.6
August, "	108,400	263,600	10,700	382,700	6.2

It should be noted that the foregoing table covers the whole of the working population, and that the figures for three-monthly periods have been corrected for seasonal variation.

TASMANIA : EMPLOYMENT

The following table compiled from the wages tax returns of private employers in respect of their employees, whether subject to or not subject to tax, and from returns of Commonwealth, State and Local Government employment, gives the best measure available of the course of total employment in Tasmania.

Period	Private Industry			Public Authorities			Total Employment Public and Private		
	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total	Males	Females	Total
1937-38	34,001	10,685	44,686	10,581	1,825	12,406	44,582	12,510	57,092
1938-39	37,933	12,184	50,117	10,488	1,879	12,367	48,421	14,063	62,484
1939-40	39,659	13,151	52,810	10,725	1,972	12,697	50,384	15,123	65,507
<u>1938-39-</u>									
February	39,435	12,850	52,285	10,624	1,913	12,537	50,059	14,763	64,822
March ..	41,728	13,616	55,344	10,637	1,903	12,540	53,365	15,519	67,884
April ..	39,825	12,543	52,368	10,187	1,895	12,082	50,012	14,438	64,450
May ..	38,863	12,191	51,054	10,111	1,911	12,022	48,974	14,102	63,076
June ..	36,964	11,883	48,847	10,208	1,925	12,133	47,172	13,808	60,980
<u>1939-40-</u>									
July ..	37,236	11,626	48,862	10,100	1,948	12,048	47,336	13,574	60,910
August ..	37,442	11,823	49,265	10,317	1,958	12,275	47,759	13,781	61,540
September	37,412	11,982	49,394	10,384	1,950	12,334	47,796	13,932	61,728
October..	38,210	11,872	50,082	10,665	1,948	12,613	48,875	13,820	62,695
November	38,966	12,334	51,300	10,672	1,963	12,635	49,638	14,297	63,935
December	40,082	13,341	53,423	10,960	1,955	12,915	51,042	15,296	66,338
January..	41,951	13,904	55,855	10,828	1,865	12,693	52,779	15,769	68,548
February	41,676	13,230	54,906	11,051	1,993	13,044	52,727	15,223	67,950
March ..	42,088	14,918	57,006	11,097	1,999	13,096	53,185	16,917	70,102
April ..	40,792	14,541	55,333	11,060	2,039	13,099	51,852	16,580	68,432
May ..	41,048	14,359	55,407	11,035	2,019	13,054	52,083	16,378	68,461
June ..	39,012	13,883	52,895	10,531	2,024	12,555	49,543	15,907	65,450

Note: Owing to a change in the method of collection, monthly figures for 1940-41 are not yet available.

1. For periods up to and including June, 1939, the figures in the table may be regarded as providing a virtually complete record of total employment. They are a combination of monthly figures received currently and annually, covering both private and public employment. They are deficient only to the inappreciable extent that some relief and other intermittent workers and domestic workers in private homes are not covered by the monthly returns. On the other hand, to the extent that they embrace the majority of workers subject to intermittent employment over the whole year, they reflect fully the seasonal and all other influences upon employment in Tasmania.

2. For the months of 1939-40 the figures are estimates based upon the current monthly movements of all public authority employment and of about 44 per cent. of total private employment. For a given month the figure of total private employment of the corresponding month of the previous year is changed in the ratio of the change of the current figure of private employment. The indication of the position for all employment in Tasmania given by this technical procedure must be read in the light of other indications of current change.

/UNEMPLOYMENT

The percentages of recorded unemployment among members of reporting Trade Unions for Australia as a whole are given below for the June quarter of 1932, when unemployment was at its maximum and for each quarter from September, 1935 onwards -

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1932 - June quarter	30.0 per cent.
1935 - September "	15.9 " "
December "	13.7 " "
1936 - March quarter	13.4 per cent.
June "	12.8 " "
September "	12.0 " "
December "	10.7 " "
1937 - March quarter	9.9 per cent.
June "	9.7 " "
September "	9.3 " "
December "	8.2 " "
1938 - March quarter	8.0 per cent.
June "	8.6 " "
September "	9.2 " "
December "	8.9 " "
1939 - March quarter	9.6 per cent.
June "	9.5 " "
September "	10.2 " "
December "	9.3 " "
1940 - March quarter	7.9 per cent.
June "	10.5 " "
September "	7.4 " "

It should be noted that the figures refer to the mid-month of each quarter, and represent the conditions at the middle of that month. Consequently, the latest figures referred to herein relate to the middle of August, 1940.

Following the peak point (30 per cent.) in unemployment attained in the June quarter of 1932 the percentage dropped continuously to 8 per cent. in the March quarter of 1938. After March, 1938, the index rose with minor fluctuations to 10.2 per cent. in the September quarter, 1939, but fell appreciably during each of the next two quarters. Concerning the rise to 10.5 per cent. in the June quarter it should be noted that, although coalmining employees out of work during the period of collection owing to the industrial dispute in that industry were excluded from the tabulation, persons in other industries indirectly affected by the dispute were included. The fall to 7.4 per cent. in the September quarter 1940 brings the figure to the lowest level since August, 1927, when it was 6.7 per cent.

The usual tables for Trade Union Unemployment are appended.

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Number and Membership of Trade Unions Reporting and Number and Percentage of Unemployed. March quarter, 1929 to September quarter, 1940.

Australia	March Quarter 1929	June Quarter 1932	June Quarter 1933	September Quarter 1939	December Quarter 1939	March Quarter 1940	June Quarter 1940	September Quarter 1940
Number of Unions	375	396	394	395	392	394	388	397
Membership ..	420,304	413,272	415,059	478,000	478,245	483,806	475,815	496,872
Unemployed -								
Number ..	39,159	123,948	106,502	48,888	44,253	38,307	49,775	36,892
Percentage ..	9.3	30.0	25.7	10.2	9.3	7.9	10.5	7.4

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Percentage of Members of Trade Unions Reported as Unemployed
in each State : March quarter, 1929 to
September quarter, 1940.

State	March Quarter 1929 %	June Quarter 1932 %	June Quarter 1933 %	September Quarter 1939 %	December Quarter 1939 %	March Quarter 1940 %	June Quarter 1940(b) %	September Quarter 1940 %
New South Wales..	9.7	33.2	29.6	(a)11.6	(a)11.1	(a)9.7	15.9	9.8
Victoria ..	8.6	27.7	23.0	11.2	9.0	6.5	6.6	5.9
Queensland ..	7.1	19.9	15.6	5.8	5.8	5.8	6.8	4.9
South Australia..	13.2	35.2	30.0	9.4	9.1	8.5	8.3	6.6
Western Australia	8.5	30.3	26.0	8.2	6.6	6.9	5.6	6.0
Tasmania ..	10.9	27.5	18.4	8.3	7.1	4.8	5.0	4.6
<u>AUSTRALIA:</u>	9.3	30.0	25.7	(a)10.2	(a)9.3	(a)7.9	10.5	7.4

(a) Revised. (b) In any consideration of the percentages for the June quarter, 1940, it should be borne in mind that, although coalmining employees out of work during the period of collection owing to the industrial dispute in that industry were excluded from the tabulation, persons in other industries indirectly affected by the dispute were included.

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